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SUBJECT: NAVAL FACILITY NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) BRIDGETOWN 2962 (B) BRIDGETOWN 3009

1. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING NOTE IN REPLY TO NOTE FORWARDED
REFTEL A.

QUOTE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO YOUR NOTE OF DECEMBER
2, 1977, IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS INFORMED
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IT IS WILLING TO
EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND THE FEDERATION OF THE WEST INDIES CONCERNING
UNITED STATES DEFENSE AREAS IN THE FEDERATION OF THE WEST
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INDIES, AS APPLIED TO THE U.S. NAVAL FACILITY AT ST. LUCY.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS THE HONOR TO
PROPOSE THAT THE AGREEMENT BE EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR
COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 1978, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
THAT IF PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1978 A NEW AGREEMENT IS
REACHED BETWEEN THE PARTIES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED

STATES SHALL CALCULATE ITS PAYMENT OF RENT TO REFLECT

S. UTILIZATION OF THE FACILITY BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 1978.

IF THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN THIS NOTE IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY THERETO CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE U.S. NAVAL FACILITY AT ST. LUCY, BARBADOS.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. FOR AMBASSADOR: IF YOU CONCUR WITH TEXT, YOU SHOULD PRESENT ABOVE NOTE TO GOB, ADVISING ORALLY THAT USG NEGOTIATING TEAM IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS PAST AND FUTURE PAYMENTS OF O&M COSTS AT GRANTLEY ADAMS AIRPORT AT THE EARLIEST MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE AS PART OF OVERALL DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO A NEW AGREEMENT. ANY DISCUSSION OF TRAINING SIMILARLY WILL BE ADDRESSED AS PART OF A NEW AGREEMENT.

3. FYI: THIS ANSWERS QUESTIONS RAISED BY REFTEL B. WE WILL NOT DISCUSS PAST O&M AIRPORT PAYMENTS OR SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUESTS OUTSIDE OF OVERALL AGREE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT DISCUSSIONS. WE ARE, HOWEVER, EAGER TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE LATTER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS IN JANUARY, EARLY FEBRUARY IS EARLIEST CONVENIENT DATE FOR WASHINGTON. WITH REFERENCE TO ISSUE RAISED BRIDGETOWN 2961, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO GRANT OFFSETTING COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL EXEMPTIONS, WHICH ARE STANDARD FEATURES OF SUCH AGREEMENTS WORLDWIDE.

HOWEVER WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO EXPLAIN OUR GENERAL POLICIES TO THE GOB, AND CALCULATIONS PROVIDED BRIDGETOWN 2961 WILL BE HELPFUL BACKGROUND FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER U.S. POSITION SHOULD NOT BE CONVEYED TO GOB BEFORE NEGOTIATING SESSION. END FYI.

4. FYI: AMBASSADOR TODMAN WILL BE MEETING WITH DOD OFFICIALS IN EARLY JANUARY TO REVIEW FURTHER OUR NEGOTIATING POSITION AND STRATEGY RE NAVFAC. END FYI

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